

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 28-30 with the following:

Figure 13 shows a diagram of the reaction in Example 12, in which the ligation of a 4kb cDNA and a 0.9 kb cDNA was done by the Rec A three-stranded formation reaction. As shown in Figure 13(A), a 4 kb and a 0.9 kb cDNA sequence have overlapping common sequences. In Figure 13(B), the 0.9 kb cDNA and the 4.0 kb cDNAs were treated with exonuclease [[I]] III and restriction enzymes and ligated to one another resulting in a 4.9 kb cDNA product as shown in Figure 13(C).